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BIG ARMY WILL SAYS W. J. BRYAN

Preparedness as Preventive Measure a Fallacy, Secretary Asserts.

GLAD PRESIDENT TOOK STAND ON OTHER SIDE

Way to Suppress Liquor Traffic Is for Each Man to Stop Drinking.

Every pause in the speech of William ennings Bryan, Secretary of State, Council of the Churches of Christ in America, before an audience of 4,000 The secretary's subject was Unity and the Peace Moveand he deplored the present le, in which all great America are now en-

eutral, and it is important that we hall be neutral. Why should we not? Why should we desire to sit in judgment upon them at this time, when is so important that we shall main

ters in our land. Their blood runs in the veins of our people, and not a poor soldier boy falls upon the battlefield over there on any side that does not make us sad. Neutral? Yes, we must let them know that we have them all. The BE THE PEACEMAKER comes, and this is the only great on that can claim the promise of peacemaker and be the friend of But what can we

omes, and, my friends, I think we can form a conclusion upon it.

thing, and we have made some progress when not a crowned head will admit he began the war or is responsible for it. The President as soon as war broke out tendered the good offices of this country, and everyone with one accord by try, and everyone with one accord be-gan to make excuses, and each one said it was someone else, each one said, I did not want war; it was forced pon us. That is what they all said. thank God the time has come when varring nations are unwilling to take the responsibility for having begun it. "I can prove to you in a sentence that ar is not a good thing, for if it were are good we plan for, and if war were a blessing we would not want to get not miss it. It has been a long time

in this country that anybody praised war, as a blessing, but we have had some who thought that the way to prevent it was to get ready for it, and preparedness has been the basis of the argument upon which men have relied upon increase in army and navy. PREPAREDNESS DOES NOT PREVENT WAR "If preparedness prevents war, I want to be present at the next international meeting when somebody sug-

rests that preparedness prevents war f, preparedness would prevent war, there would be no war in Europe, for they were prepared. They had been preparing for a long time, with differpreparing for a long time, with different degrees of preparation, but they were all preparing. My friends, the fallacy is exposed. Preparedness may help you if you get into a war, but it will not keep you out of war. More than that, preparedness will almost with absolute certainty lead you into war. Why? Because you cannot prewar., Why? Because you cannot prefor war unless you either are You cannot make them bend their backs to the load unless you can make them believe it is necessary, and how can you make them believe it is necessary?

GLAD PRESIDENT TOOK

STAND ON OTHER SIDE "You have got to have somebody to hem to hate somebody, and hate and hate and hate until they get a chance to lick them. That is what prepared-ness means, and I am glad that our President yesterday took his stand on the other side. He said it is not true that this nation is unprepared; that this nation will meet any emergency, that arises, but that this nation will not be turned into a military camp get-ting ready for wars that ought not to (Continued on Fifth Page.)

ATTRACTIVE AND ENJOYABLE TRIP.
To Ballimore, via York River Line, 5:10 P.
M., except Sun. \$1.50 one way; \$4.50 R. T.

committee comprising Bishop David H. Greer, Oswald Garrison Villares, Nicholas Murray Butler and a score of others, to-night issued a call for a meeting here on December 18 to or-ganize a National Antiarmament As-sociation.

"There has been presented to the United States an uncommission opportu-

"There has been presented to the United States an unexampled opportunity for constructive moral and political leadership in the work of the world," this committee declares in a statement. "To take advantage of this opportunity it is necessary not only to maintain our strict neutrality and to preserve relations and friendships with the belliggerent powers, but it also is Member of Wilson's Cabinet Sits
as Delegate at Church
Conference.

WANTS PERSONAL TEMPERANCE

Preserve relations and friendships with the belligerent powers, but it also is necessary to refrain from politics which will arouse in their minds or in the minds of our own people the fear that we have reason to protect ourselves against attacks. We prefer that our nation should be the far more moral power in the world rather than that it should stand up high on the roll of military and naval powers."

SHARE FOR RICHMOND BANK

McAdoo to Decide Question of Transfer

WASHINGTON, December 9 .- Secre tary McAdoo expects within a few days to take up the question of the trans-fer of government deposits from na-

such as Boston, New York and Chicago and those in other cities. The reserves in the three Southern banks are comparatively much smaller.

Hence that convicts should not be in of the gain of employing contractors or for the profit of the State.

FORCED TO LEAVE PANAMA

Goethals Issues Orders for Immediate Departure of British Colliers.

PANAMA, December 9 .- Colonel Goehals issued instructions to-day for the

WILSON CONSIDERS NAMES

WASHINGTON, December 9 .- Presi-

In addition to Joseph Davies Com-"It has been a good while in this missioner of Corporations, who is said men, "Is country since anybody advocated war in official circles to be certain of one as a blessing, and nobody now in Eu- of the five places, two of the men In the

GEORGIA'S SHARE READY

Will Be Available to Cotton Formers Next Week.

ATLANTA, GA., December 9.— Georgia's share of the \$135.000.000 cot-ton pool organized under the direction ATLANTA. of the Federal Reserve Board, to be loaned to cotton farmers, will be available for use some time next week, according to an announcement here today by the State committee, which will superintendent its distribution. Loans will be made through the Georgia banks on a valuation of 8 cents a pound. Georgia's share of the fund amounts to approximately \$20,-

KAISER STILL ILL

Remains in Bed, but Is Able to Listen to Reports on War Situation.

LONDON, December 9 (8:55 P. M.) .-

injured in a collision between crowded elevated railroad trains on upper Eighth Avenue to-night. Fire foilowed, and four cars were burned. Most of the passengers escaped over the ties along this, the highest part of the "L" structure, nearly 100 feet above the street.

MINE WORKERS KILLED

Thirteen Men Hurled to Bottom of Shaft in Dynamite Explosion.

SCRANTON, PA., December 9 .- Thir teen mine workers were killed in the diamond shaft of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company here to-day, when a box of dynamite being lowered into the mine with fourteen men exploded, wrecking the descend-ing carriage and hurling the victims to the bottom of the shaft. One man

PROTEST AGAINST AGITATION SAYS STRIKES DO ORGANIZATION

Samuel Gompers Contends That Organized Labor Has Resulted From Strikes.

OPPOSES COMPETITION WITH CONVICT LABOR

At the Same Time, He Believes Convicts Should Be Given Employment.

SPEAKS ON LABOR PROBLEMS

President of American Federation Addresses Society for Promotion of Industrial Education.

In explanation and defense of organ-

SHOULD BE EMPLOYED He did believe, as organized labor work for them to do, such as makin articles needed by the eleemosynary institutions of the State and needed by others of those for whom the State

ment, from coming, and the meeting presided over

was pr Creamer. INTRODUCED BY

ever produced," and as the recognized leader of more than 2,000,000 working-men, "labor's highest champion in

In the preliminary of his address Mr. Gompers declared that men and women to-day no longer beg for consideration, that they no longer pre-sent gaunt figures of hunger in demand of their needs, that their plea is no longer pictured in pinched cheeks and haggard frames of children, but that they rather demand right; they demand justice and freedom. "Though it is hunger still," he said, "it is a new form of hunger. It is the hunger for better food, the hunger for better raiment; the hunger for better homes. for better opportunity for our children; the hunger that the strong arm of right and conscience may throw its right and conscience may throw its protection around our children, so that they may no more be the subjects of equality of opportunity, and that they
may play in God's sunshine. Our hunger now is for the appeasing of the
soul's aspirations, for the opportunity

The inventor expressed hi
as he stood watching the of satisfying our wants for better and

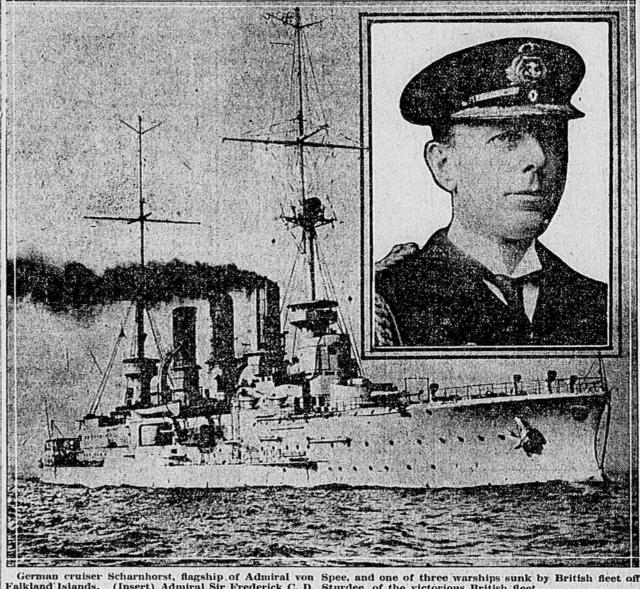
MOVEMENT A CRYSTALLIZATION

A Berlin telegram, forwarded from Amsterdam by the correspondent of indignation, of the expression of Reuter's Telegram Company, says that Emperor William still is ill. He is suffering from pneumonia, which is combined with nervous depression due to overexertion. He remained in bed to-day, but was able to listen to reports from the German army head-quarters in the field regarding the war situation.

CROWDED L TRAINS COLLIDE

Two Persons Are Killed and More Than Score Injured.

NEW YORK, December 9.—Two persons were killed and more than a score injured in a collision between crowded elevated railroad trains on upper Eighth Avenue to-night. Fire foilowed, and four cars were hurned. the nation rests, and it is to escape the latter-day tyranny that fair organization has been effected. He declared that James Donahue Sullivan, a printer, a finion Lodge No. 6, was the first the Edison plant was destroyed, plungths of the place into darkness. From the endum; that the Australian ballot, direct nomination, the corrupt practices' act, direct primaries, the child labor law, the law as to safety appliances and that even the public school system



German cruiser Scharnhorst, flagship of Admiral von Spee, and one of three warships sunk by British fleet off Falkland Islands. (Insert) Admiral Sir Frederick C. D. Sturdee, of the victorious British fleet.

leven Buildings Destroyed and 3,000 Rear Admiral Fletcher Testifies as Men and Women Thrown Out of Work.

INVENTOR NOT DISCOURAGED BEFORE

Although More Than 67 Years of Age, Declares He Will Start All Over Again To-Day-Laboratory

Building Saved.

ance that it is expected will reduce

laboratory building, containing valuable scientific machinery under the im-mediate superintendence of the inven-tor Thomas A. Edison. Especial efforts made to save this structure were

vomen will be temporarily thrown out of work because of the fire. In all about 7,000 persons were employed at the plant, but as the storage battery the plant, but as the storage battery building across the street from the main plant was saved, with other buildforce employed.

Four firemen were injured fighting

the blaze, and were taken to a hos-

seven years of age, I'll start all over fend the Philippines and again to-morrow," said Mr. Edison "I against a Japanese expedition. to-morrow there will be a mobiliexploitation, but that they may have equal rights and liberties with other cleared away if it is cooled sufficiently, children, that they may live and and I will go right to work to reconequal rights and liberties with other cleared away if it is cooled sufficiently, children, that they may live and I will go right to work to recongrow up as all other children with struct the plant."

IN INSPECTION BUILDING

The inventor expressed himself thus as he stood watching the flames lick up building after building of his mam-moth electrical plant, started, it is thought probable, by an explosion in OF SENTIMENT OF INDIGNATION the inspection building, one of the "What is the labor movement? It is the crystallization of a sentiment ing was quickly a mass of flames, and of indignation, of the expression of the fire spread rapidly to other struc-the discontent of the masses of the tures. Chemicals in some of the build-

there shot up towering flames which illuminated the countryside for miles

law, the law as to safety appliances and that even the public school system were the result of the effort of labor.

LABOR DOES NOT

ASK FOR CHARITY

"And there has been no ill," he said, "but that it is the duty of organized labor to rectify. Labor does not ask for charity; it has help for those who need it. It makes a fair "fight against the wrongs it would correct. Of the strikes during the past fifteen years, not one of them was the result of organization. Organization resulted from strikes. The strike of the hitu
(Continued on Fifth Page.)

ARE Edison was not at the plant when the fire started, but he soon appeared and assumed personal charge of directing the forces combating the fames. He was especially anxious regarding the laboratory building, and when he found that it probably would when he found that it probably and when he found that it probably would when he found that it

READY TO MEET ANY FLEET | FLANDERS FAIRLY SAFE **EXCEPT GREAT BRITAIN'S**

to Preparedness of American Navy

HOUSE COMMITTEE ALLIES No Doubt of Ability of United States

to Control Seas in Naval Conflict With Japan-Advocate of Dreadnoughts.

WASHINGTON, December 9 .- The ability of the American navy successfully to meet the war fleet of any The possibility of Britain was so re-

ination all day by the committee at the first public hearing on a naval ap-propriation bill held in many years. He was plied with many questions about the condition of the navy, judged by lessons of the European wa ican navy was overmatched only by that of England, he added that if this ery country continued to build only two battleships a year Germany, on the basis of her present construction proto gram, soon would be far in the lead. The admiral said he had no doubt in the ability of the United States to control the seas in a naval conflict with

ally, he would not say that the American fleet alone could successfully defend the Philippines and Hawaii Dreadnoughts. Submarines, he clared, would not seriously affect the vital principles of naval warfare. He admitted, however, that from a foreign navy viewpoint it was possible to send submarines across the Atlantic to attack warships on the American coast

Japan, but when questioned specific-

COULD BE MADE READY In the event of war, he said, all American battleships available could be made ready for action within a

Secretary Daniels will appear before the committee to-morrow. Commander Sterling, who, Admiral Fletcher said, was responsible for the care of all the submarines, has been asked to

testify on Friday.

The examination to-day developed the admission that of seventeen sub-marines on the Atlantic Coast, including Panama, five are detained on permanent stations at the Isthmus, four three are undergoing alterations. Only one is left in active service, Admiral Fletcher said. Admiral Fletcher said the latest American submarines were not equipped with the most modern

comparative naval strength of United States was made in reply to a asked the admiral if he thought the United States could successfully Japan if the fleet had to defend Hawaii and the Philippines in their waters.

When They Do Materialize, It Is Believed Will Be Directed More at French Centres.

RESUME INITIATIVE

Able to Organize and Consolidate Positions Won During Past Few Days-Converging Teuton Movements on Warsaw Probable.

off the Falkland Islands, where the British squadron sank the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig, and the success of the Indian troops on the Gulf of Persia, where

The sinking of the German cruisers materially lessens the menace to Brit-ish shipping, while the success of the Indian forces gives Great Britain control of the Persian Gulf and the delta of the Tigris and Euphrates, and threatens that part of Turkey on which German railway builders have had their

eyes set for many years.
With this good news for the allies comes what is considered here as a favorable French communication on operations in Flanders and in France. Withdrawal of German troops from the west to strengthen their armies in the east has enabled the allies to resume the initiative along the front reaching from the Swiss border to the North Sea, and while they have not made any marked advance, they have been able, according to official an-nouncement, to organize and consoli-date positions won during the last few days. This has not been done without opposition from the Germans, claim to have inflicted heavy particularly in the Argonne and north of Nancy.

Flanders now is considered fairly safe from German attacks, which, when they do materialize, it is believed here will be directed more at the French centres.

in an official statement to-day declared her soldiers evacuated the city fifteen hours before the German occupation, changing their position without the loss of a single man.

It is apparent from the various offi-cial reports that there are converging German movements on Warsaw from the north and the centre, combined with outflanking movements to the southeast of Cracow. The success of the north and the centre, combined with outflanking movements to the southeast of Cracow. The success of any of these movements would require the Russians to turn back from Cracow, which they have not done thus far. As a matter of fact, the Russians assert that they have inflicted a "grave defeat" on the succession of the succession of the succession of the succession of the Great and the light cruisers Nurnberg and Dresden escaped, and are being pursued by the victorious British fleet. Two colliers attached to the German fleet were captured. assert that they have inflicted a "grave defeat" on an Austro-German force which tried to get around their left wing. A later Austrian report, how-ever, indicates partial success in this

German Emperor, coming through Am-stordam, have not been confirmed. It is known the Emperor is suffering from bronchial catarrh, to which he is subject, and is compelled to remain in bed. He is able, however, to receive

military reports.

As the result of the Sultan's proclaand the Philippines in their waters.
"That is a question, of course, that is exceedingly difficult to answer," replied the admiral. "I think that our more powerful fleet could keep control of the seas as against Japan. But as to the ability of the fleet alone to

as to the ability of the fleet alone to defend the Philippines, would depend a great deal on conditions. I wouldn't say that the fleet alone could do it."

SEES NO NECESSITY

blime Forte is trying to avert it. The new Servian Cabinet, composed of all parties, at the opening of Parliament to-day, assured the members say that the fleet alone could do it."

SEES NO NECESSITY "Do you believe," asked Reresentative Gray, "that we at the present time, should increase our navy so that we could control the seas?"

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The Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig Sent to Bottom.

ENGLISH NAVY SQUARES ACCOUNT WITH VON SPEE

No Mention of Survivors From Flagship, and Believed Commander Perished.

TWO GERMAN SHIPS GET AWAY

Admiralty Reports That Casualties of British Are Very Few.

Great Britain Evens Score With Germany

GREAT BRITAIN has evened the score with Germany for sinking her cruisers, the Good Hope and Monmouth, off Chile November 1. A British squadron, under Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, has sent to the bottom off the southern const of South America the German ruisers Scharnhorst, Gnelsenau and Leipzig, three of the German war-ships which defeated Rear-Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock's men-of-

According to the official advices the British ships have given chase to the two other Germans, the Nurnberg and Dresden, which also were engaged in the fight. A dis-patch from Chile says it is reported

With the sinking of the Scharn With the sinking of the Scharn-horst, the German flagship, Admiral Count von Spee probably found a grave beneath the waves, as was the way with Admiral Cradock, for, although the official report says some of the men of the Gnelsensus and Leinsig were sayed, no mention was mide of the rescue of any from the Scharnhorst.

n land artillery duels and infan-attacks are in progress along entire front in Belgium and the entire front in Belgium and France, and battles continue at various points in the east from Po-land to the Carpathians. In the south the Servians claim the Aus-trians are in precipitate flight be-fore King Peter's forces, and are losing heavily in men, guns and war stores.

and have strengthened the posi-tions retaken from the Germans. From Berlin, however, comes a denial of this, and an assertion that and in the forest of the Argon have inflicted heavy losses on the

Although Petrograd claims the Russians evacuated Lodz for stra-tegic reasons and without the loss of a single man, Berlin maintains that the German occupation of the second city in Poland was accom-plished only after enormous losses had been suffered by the Russians.

Great Britain, according to official advices, now is in complete control of that part of Asiatic Turkey from the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers to the sea. This was accomplished through the surrender of the Turkish commander, Subhi Bey, to Great Brit-sin's Indian expeditionary force operating at the head of the Per-

lin concerning the condition of Em-peror William said he had been unable to leave his bed, and his fever had not decreased. It added the Emperor was too weak to give military instructions.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] LONDON, December 9 .- The British navy has squared the account with Admiral von Spee. In the most terrific naval engagement, in point of guns and tonnage, yet fought in the war Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick C. D. Sturtured. The official statement of the admiralty published by the press bureau to-night, says some survivors of the Gneisenau and Leipzig were rescued, but no mention is made of any survivors of the flagship, and it is believed that Von Spee went down with his ship. The complements of the Scharnborst and the Gneiseau Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau men were aboard the three ships sunk and it is believed the losses will e ceed 1.500.

BATTLE OCCURS ON TUESDA

The battle occurred yesterday morning off the Falkland Islands, in the South Atlantic, 300 miles east of the Atlantic entrance of the Straits of Ma-

gellan.

It was Admiral von Spee's fleet which sunk the British cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth and severely damaged the cruistr Glasgow and the con-